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Hongkong, September 18, 1902. 1917

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NOTICE.

FROM this Date and during the Tem-
porary absence of the undersigned,
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TARY of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1902. 1896

NOTICE.

MY Father Established the Firm,
WING SHING LOONG, doing
Business in PURE GOLD-LEAVES for up-
wards of Forty Years. We employed TANG
KUN, alias 'THE BELL', to assist in man-
aging the Business since the Death of my
father, and Discharged him lately. He was
only an employee, and was NOT a Part-
ner or Shareholder. The Business of
Wing Shing Loong is now still in our
possession, and TANG KUN, alias 'THE
BELL', is and was NOT one of our
Partners.

WING SHING LOONG,
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Hongkong, September 16, 1902. 1891

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THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
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Hongkong, August 4, 1902. 1821

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Miscellaneous.
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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, September 23:—
5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket
Club.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Chapter.

WEDNESDAY, September 24:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at the Residence of Mr. O. Atzen-
roth, "Ernie Bungalow," Kowloon.

THURSDAY, September 25:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at the
Company's Office.

MONDAY, September 29:—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St.
Andrew's Society in the City Hall.
Transfer Books of The Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., closed from
this date to the 9th October, inclusive.

TUESDAY, October 30:—
5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hockey
Club in the Cricket Pavilion.

WEDNESDAY, October 1:—
9 a.m.—Opening of Kowloon School.
9 a.m.—Opening of German School.
2 p.m.—Sale of Work at the Italian
Convent from this date to the 8th Inst.

THURSDAY, October 2:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Union Insurance of Canton, Ltd., at the
Head Office.

TUESDAY, October 14:—
Auction of Fine Block of Buildings abut-
ting on that portion of Ice House Lane.



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The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1902.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE
English newspapers in
HONGKONG were surprised
when they received
intimation that their journals were to
be subjected to censorship at Macao
prior to distribution to subscribers.
The surprise was genuine, for the Hong-
kong journals do not find much of in-
terest in Macao affairs, and, as a rule,
for very many years at least, have re-
frained from comment on the Macao
Government. It appears, however, that
the two Portuguese journals published
in Hongkong have made themselves
obnoxious to certain Macao officials,
who conceived it to be their duty to call
a rigid censorship into existence. These
Portuguese journals have been clamour-
ing for the trial of a military officer
concerned in a rather brutal and
revolting case of assault which occurred
in May last, and this agitation has
brought into prominence the names of
some officials who are believed to be
responsible for the censorship. The
English newspapers in Hongkong had no
interest in the merits of the dispute, and
had even deprecated the use of personali-
ties in the Portuguese Press, so that the
sudden and sweeping application of
the censorship to embrace all
the Hongkong newspapers came in
the nature of an undesired
back-bender from the Macao officials.
The indignation expressed by us, in
common with our contemporaries,
seems to have convinced the responsible
officials of the neighbouring Colony that
they had taken a false step. They might
succeed in their effort to gag the Hong-
kong Portuguese journals, but they could
not hope to silence English news-
papers in Hongkong and London, and
as the matter, in all probability, would
have been brought before the British
Parliament, entailing searching en-
quiries into the administration of affairs
in Macao, our friends, the Macao Go-
vernment, have decided to abandon the
proposed censorship of the Hongkong
English newspapers. The officials have
succeeded in dislocating our ar-
rangements for distribution, and have
involved our subscribers in a little
additional expenditure—including the
Colonial Secretariat of Macao—but
beyond this they have achieved
nothing, and have drawn the attention
of the English Press to matters they
are, apparently, desirous of keeping
from the light of public criticism.
That is their affair, not ours; they will
probably have to suffer for it by and
bye.

The following is a translation of the
Royal decree published in the 'Boletim
Official de Macao' of 13th September,
1902:—

MINISTRY FOR THE NAVY AND THE
MARINE.

COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

In conformity with the opinion of the
Colonial Consultative Committee and hav-
ing heard the Council of Ministers, and
Under the authority granted by Section
1 of Article 15 of the First Additional Act
to the Constitution of the Monarchy.

Thereby decree the following:—

Art. 1. The crimes described in and
punishable under Articles 130, 137, 159,
160, 169, 181, 182, 407 to 412, 414 to 420,
and 482 of the Penal Code of 16th Septem-
ber, 1885, when committed by the Press in
any language or by whatever means of
publication in a foreign country shall be
punished as common crimes, when the off-
ences are Portuguese, and come within the
provisions of Article 53 (5) of the Penal
Code, and the publications have been cir-
culated in Portuguese territory, whatever the
number of their copies.

Section 1. If the persons committing
the crimes are foreigners residing in Por-
tuguese territory, and if the offences are
against any Portuguese official or public
employee, they will be punished for a period
not exceeding twelve years.

Art. 2. The crimes will be tried in
Police Correctional Court, and the penalties
are those enumerated in the Judicial
Code (Regimento de Justicia) of 20th
February, 1894, Article 181.

Art. 3. The trial will take place in the
Law Court of the Colony which is the
nearest to the place where the publications
were issued and circulated, irrespective of
any requisition, consultation or any other
formality whatever.

Art. 4. The provisions of Article 251
(2) of the Administrative Code of 4th May,
1896, will henceforth be applicable to the
Colonies.

Section 1. The powers granted by this
Article are bestowed on Governors.

Art. 5. All previous legislation which is
contrary to the provisions of this decree
is hereby revoked.

The Minister and Secretary of State for
the Navy and the Colonies have signed
in Lisbon, 2nd August, 1902.—The
King; Antonio Teixeira de Souza.

It will be seen from the above that
the Acting Governor of Macao had full
powers to apply the Censor Law.
Whether it was judicious to do so is a
quite another story. We do not say

he has incurred the hostility of the
Hongkong English newspapers, as we
did not know of his existence a few
days ago, and consider him of very lit-
tle account. But he has drawn atten-
tion to his own pettiness and illustrat-
ed in his own person the causes that
contribute to the insignificance of
Portugal as a nation and as a factor
in the world's greater politics. The
application of such a law in this
age of enlightenment is retrogressive
and oppressive. In the present in-
stance, as the Acting Governor may
learn to his cost, it would have been
better policy to remove the cause of
complaint in our Portuguese contem-
poraries rather than to resort to inter-
ference with the liberty of the Press.
There is not much business in Macao
nowadays. It has escaped from the
official restrictions and petty annoy-
ances of the Portuguese Colony
to the greater freedom of Hongkong;
and so the unwarranted interference
with the Hongkong English newspapers
did not cause any very serious conse-
quences. But it caused much incon-
venience to our subscribers and the
mercantile community which is inter-
ested in the movement of shipping
and mails and the local share market,
as well as to Hongkong visitors to
Macao. If Macao can afford to inter-
fere with the interests of those people
it is no concern of ours. The *China
Mail* will survive it.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Starting Gate.

At the request of the members of the
Jockey Club, Mr. Corcoran, the official
starter of races, has resigned his position
owing to complaints made against him of
having shown too much leniency towards
jockeys at the post. The failure of the
Australian starting gate on English courses
is attributed to Mr. Corcoran's lack of con-
trol over the boys at the barrier.

Russian Volunteer Fleet.

A despatch from St. Petersburg states
that three of the newest and fastest
merchant steamers in the Russian volunteer
fleet have been added to the naval reserve
of cruisers. The volunteer fleet consists of
about 15 merchantmen, which could, in
time of war, be armed and used for doing
work as cruisers. They provide for the
regular traffic between Odessa, Vladivos-
tok, and Port Arthur, and run, in addition,
the sea trade and passenger traffic between
China and the Black Sea, besides being
employed in peace as transports for troops.

The Coronation Chair.

With regard to the statements in a
letter signed 'An Englishman,' which ap-
peared in our issue of yesterday (says *The
Standard* in a recent issue) to the effect
that Colonial troops were permitted to
seat themselves in St. Edward's Chair at
Westminster Abbey and go through a
barbarous ceremony of crowning each other
with sashes and hats, we are officially in-
formed that the whole episode is an absolute
invention. The Colonial and Indian troops
were the only portion of the public who
were admitted inside the barrier, and they
were under command the whole time. The
chair was not even touched, but was re-
spectfully saluted, and the behaviour of all
was most reverent.—We may point out
that what 'An Englishman' stated is
borne out by our correspondent with the
Hongkong Corporation Contingent. In his
last letter, he stated that the Colonials
'even sat in the Coronation chair, one at a
time,' and we don't suppose any harm was
done.

The Subscription Griffin.

The *Australian* of the 9th August,
gives a very interesting series of statistics
relating to the Australian turf, and one of
the tables is a complete list of 'Winning
Sires of the Season,' from August 1, 1901,
to July 31, 1902, compiled from the 'Aus-
tralian Turf Register.' We have gone
through the list carefully, and can find the
names of only four sires of the Subscription
Walers drawn for by members of the Hong-
kong Jockey Club the other week. These
are—*Sir William, Zeno, Trenchant* and
Welcome Tom. The records of stock got
by these sires are as follow:—
Sir William—winners 3, wins 9, seconds
2, total amount won £5871.
Zeno—winners 3, wins 12, seconds 10,
total amount won £447.
Trenchant—winners 3, wins 16, seconds
1, total amount won £4147.
Welcome Tom—winners 1, wins 3,
seconds 3, total amount won £2111.

The Walers got by these sires and re-
ceived in Hongkong are as follow:—
Brown mare by *Sir William*, 14.1, 5
years, drawn by Mr. W. A. Cruickshank.
Bay gelding by *Zeno*, 14.0, 6 years,
drawn by Mr. A. Turner.
Brown gelding by *Trenchant*, 14.2, 5
years, drawn by Major Doan.
Brown gelding by *Welcome Tom*, 14.2, 6
years, drawn by Mr. G. C. C. Master.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

It is reported from Bangkok that the
Siamese Government intends to issue
about the 21st inst., one million ficals of
paper currency.

It is reported that a wealthy Selangor
resident is proposing to present a Maxim
gun to the Selangor Volunteer Corps, and
another one to the Perak Volunteers.

A German Scientist—Dr. Behring—has
passed through on the *Prinzess*. He is a
lecturer on diseases of the eye, ear, and
throat at Berlin, and intends making a trip
through India and the Far East.

The return of births and deaths for
Singapore during the week ending Sept. 6
shows a total of 175 deaths, and of these 39
were due to fever and 36 to phthisis. The
average death-rate was 38.78 per thousand.

It will be noticed (says a Shanghai
contemporary) that while the barometer
has been at the average level this Septem-
ber, the thermometer has registered about
7 degrees above the normal mean for 29
years.

The American revenue cruiser *Luzon*,
one of the ten being built by Messrs.
S. C. Fairbank, Boyd and Co., Ltd., to the
order of the U. S. Government, left Shang-
hai for Manila on the 15th inst., for de-
livery to the owners.

The Papal Nuncio in Paris has warned
the Vatican that, if any encouragement is
given to the Nationalists to renew their
excesses in connection with the religious
orders difficulty, the result will be the
abrogation of the Concordat.

At the Magistrate's to-day, Inspector
W. Robertson charged two men with keep-
ing a common gaming house at No. 9 Quarry
Bay, and thirteen other men with being in
the house. They were convicted by Mr.
F. A. Hazeld, who fined the keepers \$50
each, with the alternative of six weeks in
prison. The others were fined \$3 each,
with the option of seven days in prison.

An Unpleasant Discovery.

A sensation was created at Kandy in
Ceylon, the other day, by the discovery
of the body of a Chitty floating in the
reservoir which supplies the town with
drinking water. Examination showed that
the deceased died of drowning. The
corps had been lying in the reservoir for
about three days.

Shipping Invoices for Philippines.

A New York telegram dated 9th inst.
says:—The Treasury Department has decid-
ed that invoices of merchandise shipped
from the Philippines to the United States
must be certified to at the port of exporta-
tion by some foreign consul or two reputa-
ble merchants, the Philippines being, for
customs purposes, foreign territory. The
certification by the American Collector of
Customs cannot be accepted, as it is illegal.

Protestantism in the Philippines.

A New York telegram dated the 13th
inst. says:—An appeal has been issued,
signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Marcus A.
Hanna and other prominent men, asking
Protestant Episcopalians to raise a fund
of \$1,000,000 (gold) to use for the advance-
ment of Bishop Brent's church movement
in the Philippines. The appeal states that
this movement in no wise antagonizes the
Catholic Church, but that it is seeking to
Christianize the natives and to convince
Australians of its benevolent intentions.

Rain-making Extraordinary.

One cherished superstition of the
Javanese in time of drought is that the
dipping of a black cat in a running
stream will assuredly bring rain. The
other day, a correspondent of the *Jawa
Rade* witnessed a ceremony of this kind
at Buitenzorg, near Batavia. A procession
moved through the streets headed by
youths carrying palm branches, and the
stains of music. A platform was next
brought along. On it was a cage containing
a cat, followed by a crowd of boys. The
crowd moved to a neighbouring rivulet
into which the cat was dipped. In the
evening a small shower fell. The same
correspondent years ago saw a prolonged
drought dealt with by the same method.
But the result was different. As the
procession went along, the cloudy sky
became overcast. A flash of lightning
suddenly rent the air and was followed by
a thunderclap. The lightning had struck
the procession, and killed both the cat
and two of the bearers. The survivors
quickly sought safety in flight.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Philippines Census.

It is stated that the U.S. authorities
intend to take the census of the Philippine
Islands this year. In the present state of
the Islands, this will be a difficult task.

Hongkong Volunteers.

Sergeant-Major M. S. Northcote is ap-
pointed by His Excellency the Governor to
be Supernumerary Lieutenant in the 'A'
Machine Gun Company of the Hongkong
Volunteers.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The weekly prayer meeting will be
held on Monday evening, at 5.15, in the
room of the Union, 13 Beaconsfield Arcade.
The Rev. W. J. Southam will preside. A
cordial invitation extended to all.

Deputy Superintendent of Police.

H.E. the Governor has appointed
Captain Frederick William Lyons, late
South Staffordshire Regiment, to be Deputy
Superintendent of Police and Assistant
Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. Cap-
tain Lyons has already taken up his new
post.

The A.D.C.

The Government Gazette notifies the
appointment by H.E. the Governor of
Lieut. J. B. Arbuthnot, M.V.O., Scots
Guards, to be his A.D.C., with the local
rank of captain. Captain Arbuthnot is
also appointed His Excellency's Private
Secretary from the same date—13th inst.
Subedar Ikbal Singh, No. 1 Company,
H. K. and S. Batt. Royal Artillery, is ap-
pointed by His Excellency to be Honorary
A.D.C.

Manila Editor Imprisoned.

Senor Valdez, the Editor of *Mina*,
was found guilty of libel on the 11th inst.,
and sentenced to confinement at hard labor
for a period of six months, and to pay a
fine of two thousand dollars. Senor Valdez
republished an article in the weekly issue
of *Mina*, for which he was tried and found
guilty under the old Spanish law and sen-
tenced accordingly. Believing that under
the present law he would have the privilege
of proving the statements, which privilege
was not allowed under the former law, the
article was reproduced, and a suit was at
once brought against him, with the above
result. The case has been appealed to the
Supreme Court.

Tennis Match at Shanghai.

One of the most interesting and excit-
ing lawn tennis matches that has been
witnessed in Shanghai for some time was
that played yesterday evening on the
Cricket Club ground (says the *N. C. Daily
News* of the 16th inst.), between N. B.
Ramsay (lives 15) and A. Boret, in the
Shanghai Cricket Club Singles Handicap.
The first set fell to Ramsay, 6-4. In the
second set Boret took the lead, and at one
time the score was 4-1 in his favor; but
Ramsay drew level and 4-4 was called,
but Boret finally ran out the winner, 6-4.
The third and deciding set was even more
closely contested, but Ramsay secured the
victory, 7-5, after an exciting tussle. The
play was exceptionally good throughout,
both men playing 'carefully rather than
brilliantly.' This will most probably prove
to be the best match of the tournament.

Applicants for Railway Honours.

The following specimens of Chinese
schoolboys' letters is sent to us:—
My dear Friend,—Gentlemen, Knowing
that the railway will line from Canton to
Hankow and that the engineers continue to
examine the places therefore I am very
glad to write you to entreat a situation
which suit me. If you regard me please
let me hear from you soon.—Your truly
friend—Another writes:—Dear D.—
I am very glad that you have a duty
in your railway company so well and I am
very intent to pay you a visit but have not
time. But now sending you this favour I
herely request you to ask the chief engi-
neer to give me a vacancy and the salary is
not matter how much and oblige—
Yours, etc.

Butchers' Strike in Amoy.

A dispatch from Amoy reports a strike
amongst the pork butchers of the native
city of that port. It appears that the
Amoy Thotai had farmed out the collection
of the tax on pork to a certain syndicate,
which accordingly established a tax office
in the city and informed all the pork
butchers of Amoy that it had been decided
to impose a tax of forty Mexican dollar
cents on every pig killed for food, irrespec-
tive of size or weight. This raised the
ire of the butchers, who, their petition for
a remission being denied, at once
closed their stalls and went on strike, so
that the natives of Amoy city have to go
with their beloved pork at present.
In the meanwhile, says the *N. C. Daily
News*, a deputation of Amoy butchers has
gone to Poochow to petition the Viceroy
Hsi.

MRS. MIDDLETON, Astley House,

Chipping, came in to-day and in-
formed us that one bottle of Stearns' Wine of
Cod Liver Oil completely restored her after
a severe attack of influenza. She was so
weak before taking it that she could scarce-
ly walk, but after taking one bottle she was
able to get about without difficulty. The
statement was quite voluntary.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Subsidiary Coins.

The public will be pleased to learn
that subsidiary coins to the value of
\$800,000 are now in transit to the Colony.
We hope they will not be over long in
transit and that they will soon be in
circulation.

The General's 'Under Study.'

During the absence of H. E. Major-
General Sir W. J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G.,
Colonel L. F. Browne, R.E., as Senior
Military Officer for the time being, will
command the garrison, and becomes a
member of the Legislative and Executive
Councils. General Gascoigne is expected
back on the 16th November.

Death of a Bluejacket.

The bluejacket who was shot acciden-
tally at Kowloon on Thursday while at
Morris tube practice died in the Naval
Hospital this morning, and was buried
with naval honours at the Happy Valley
in the afternoon. Deceased was shot
through the stomach, but it was hoped
that he would survive.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

TO PROTECT TRANSMITTING TRAFFIC.

LONDON, September 18, 1902.
Owing to civil war threatening interference with the Trans-Atlantic traffic, fifty American marines with a quick-firer in an armoured truck are accompanying trains between Colon and Panama.

SANDHURST.

Henceforth, soldiers at Sandhurst will be restricted to beer at mess; wine will not be allowed.

THE BOER GENERALS IN EUROPE.

The Boer Generals appear to have abandoned their European tour, largely owing to plain hints from Germany and other Powers that they will not allow anti-British demonstrations.

THE PEARY EXPEDITION.

Lieutenant Peary with the Winward Expedition has arrived at Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. The expedition did not reach the North Pole, but very important scientific discoveries were made.

[N. C. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

THE BOXERS.

CHENG-TU, September 15.
Armed Boxers entered the city today. Some have been killed and captured in the streets. The shops are closed and the military are patrolling the city. The situation is serious.

[DEE INTERNATIONAL LLOYD SERVICE.]

THE GERMANS IN NORTH CHINA.

TIENTSIN, September 14.
We received with today's mail the Shanghai papers of the 13th inst., among them the *Shanghai Times*, containing a report, taken from Chinese papers, that soldiers captured the arms and horses of some German soldiers, who were disturbing the graves of Prince Su's ancestors, notwithstanding a complaint was lodged with the German Minister of similar offences before, and that fifteen of the German soldiers were captured by the Chinese, and severely beaten before they were released. Of course, there is not a single word of truth in this report, but it is considered here very strange that an English-American newspaper could give publicity to such a report, which they must say themselves, could not be correct. As far as the German Legation and the German soldier were concerned, the report is a pure invention. There have taken place some disturbances by the Chinese mafioses of a German civilian, who is besides, in no way connected either with the German Legation or with any members of the German Brigade.

THEFT FROM THE "ZAFIRO."

A Mysterious Affair.

Information was brought from Manila yesterday to the effect that a box containing bank notes of the value of \$50,000 gold has been stolen from the strong room of the China and Manila steamer *Zafiro* on her last voyage from Hongkong to Manila. The *Zafiro* sailed from this port on the 12th inst., and shortly before her departure a box said to contain \$50,000 in American money was put on board by the *Man Loong*. The consignment was signed for by one of the ship's officers, and prior to the vessel's arrival at Manila the strong room was opened only once, and that was to admit a consignment of opium sent on board at the last moment. When the strong room was opened at Manila, the consignment of bank notes was missing, and a thorough search of the vessel failed to reveal any trace of the money. It is conjectured that the room had been opened by a false key during the voyage and the box abstracted, and speculation is now rife as to the contents of the box. We understand that the shipping company will contest the claim for restitution of the money, and that the shipper will be called upon to prove that the box actually contained the money now in dispute. The loss, if the claim is sustained, will fall upon the shipping company, and is not covered by insurance. This and recent cases will probably force upon the local shipping companies the necessity of making radical changes in the constitution of the ships' crews. It is quite apparent that some ships' commanders and their staffs are aiding and abetting various illegal acts, and if the shipping companies are to make any profits out of their steamers they will have to consider the advisability of unshipping all the Chinese and working their ships upon different lines. In the present case, the principal mystery is as to who has the false key of the strong room.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:
On the 20th at 10.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen slightly over S. China and the Loohoo, risen in E. Japan. Pressure remains high over S. China and low over the Pacific to the N.E. of Luzon and S. of the Loohoo.
Fresh N.E. winds in the Formosa Channel.
Forecast: light or moderate N.E. winds; fair.

HONGKONG'S COLLAPSIBLE HOUSES.

Magisterial Enquiries.

The Government has instituted searching enquiries into the various cases of the fall of houses in Hongkong and Kowloon, and the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. L. Dennis) having collected a vast amount of evidence enquiries will be held at the Magistracy in the four cases where lives were lost. Mr. Dennis will represent the Government at these enquiries, and the first will be conducted by Mr. J. H. Kemp, Acting Police Magistrate, and the three others by Mr. F. A. Hinchin, Police Magistrate. In each case, a jury of three will be empanelled to give a decision on the facts. The following is a list of the enquiries:—
30 and 32 Kowloon City Road (10 deaths)—Thursday, 25th September, at 10 a.m.
50 First Street (1 death)—Wednesday, 1st October, at 2.15 p.m.
10 and 12 Second Street (2 deaths)—Tuesday, 7th October, at 10 a.m.
45 Praya East (13 deaths)—Friday, 10th October, at 2.15 p.m.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE REACTION IN CANTON.

Canton, Sept. 19.
The resignation of the able and progressive Superintendent of the College of the Two Kwang is, I am convinced, a sign of the times, and not a good one. A gentleman who was lately resident in that College has written me to the following effect:—"I am sorry to tell you about this school. A great Cantonese conservative name, Liung Ting Fen, now the Wuchang Prefect of the Hupoh Province and a man of Chang Chih-tung's party, sent a telegram of very bad words to the Superintendent, who was greatly disappointed to find a Cantonese so full of hatred to the truth, and he accordingly resigned his office, feeling it was a useless task to try and educate them." "Ting, an old man of this City, who has no acquaintance with Western education and who is known to believe only in Chinese, has been appointed the successor of the late Superintendent. It is very pitiful to think that the school will be turned into its former dark conditions."

I hear on good authority, apart from the report in the Chinese newspapers, that the two bands of students from the Two Kwang who are in Japan for the purpose of study and travel have been recalled by telegram. The alleged reason is that it is feared they may get into trouble and necessitate their being recalled later on. This is merely an anticipation.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-ninth ordinary meeting, to be held at the Society's Offices, at noon, on Thursday, the 9th October:—

The directors have now to submit to the shareholders a report of the business of the Society for the year 1901, and for the six months ending the 30th June, 1902.

1901.—The net premium collected for the year, after deducting returns and reinsurance amounts to \$3,458,543.50. After providing for a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributions paid in May last, there remains at credit of working account a balance of \$814,293.95 as per annexed statement. From this sum the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of \$30 per share, equivalent to 60 per cent. on the paid-up capital of \$50 per share, and an addition to the reserve fund of \$100,000, raising the reserve to \$1,000,000. The balance remaining of \$714,293.95 they propose to carry forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1901.

1902.—The balance to the credit of this year's account amounted on the 30th June, 1902, to \$1,675,432.78 as per annexed statement.

Directors.—Since the last general meeting, Mr. R. L. Richardson and Mr. H. W. Slade have resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, and the Hon. R. S. Shaw and Mr. G. Ballou have joined the Board. In accordance with clause 86 of the Articles of Association, Mr. N. A. Siebs and the Hon. R. S. Shaw retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Directors.—Messrs J. H. Cox and W. Hutton Potts retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Paid-up capital.—The directors take this opportunity of informing the shareholders that it is intended to increase the paid-up capital of the Society. This capital was raised in 1895 from \$250,000 to \$500,000 by the transfer of \$250,000 from exchange fluctuation account. Since that date, the Society's business in sterling countries has very largely increased, while on the other hand, owing to the fall in the exchange value of dollar, the sterling equivalent of the paid-up capital has considerably diminished. There is once more a large accretion in exchange fluctuation account, and the directors propose to repeat the operation of 1895 and again double the paid-up capital. They propose, therefore, to make a call of \$50 a share payable on the 31st December, 1902, and to declare out of the exchange fluctuation account an interim dividend of the same amount, per share payable on the same date and to deduct the call from the dividend. This will increase the paid-up capital to \$1,000,000 and reduce the unutilised liability on the shares from \$250 to \$150 per share. After the ordinary business of the meeting is finished, the shareholders will be asked to signify their approval of this step.

C. S. SLADE, Chairman.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1902.

PROMPT ACTION

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AMERICAN TELEGRAMS.

General Miles.

New York, Sept. 19.—General Miles left Washington today for San Francisco en route for the Philippines. The Commanding General and Mrs. Miles are accompanied by Colonel and Mrs. Maus and Colonel Whitney, who will accompany them. General Miles will sail on the transport *Crook*.

"Bob" Evans' Flagship.

Sept. 19.—Admiral "Bob" Evans will assume command of the U.S. Asiatic fleet, at Yokohama, on the first of November. He will undoubtedly make the U.S. battleship *Kentucky* his flagship. Admiral Rodgers has been assigned to command the Brooklyn navy yard.

The Looting of Philippine Churches.

Sept. 11.—The Custom House officers at San Francisco have seized the figures of the black Christ which had been looted from churches in Luzon and brought over by Captain Stewart of the *Catholic Truth Society* at San Francisco has appealed to President Roosevelt to enquire generally into the question of looting churches in the Philippines and has asked that the guilty parties be punished.

The Colombian Troubles.

The Navy Department has ordered the U.S. battleship *Wisconsin* to Panama and the U.S. cruiser *Cincinnati* to Colon as the Colombian insurgents are gaining victory after victory and are threatening the railroad.

President Roosevelt Disapproves.

President Roosevelt has disapproved the findings in the Ryan court martial which acquitted the officers. Captain Ryan was charged with resorting to unusual and improper methods in obtaining information from natives. He ducked the heads of the president and vice president of the United States in buckets of water to obtain information. President Roosevelt's disapproval will not, however, affect the findings.

Large Democratic Gains.

Sept. 9.—The Democrats have made large gains in the election for governor in the state of Maine. The issue made by them was the necessity for the restriction of the trusts. Notwithstanding the gains made by the Democrats, the Republican Littlefield, candidate for the speakership of the House, has been strengthened, as he is an avowed opponent of the trusts and will lead the fight against them in the next Congress.

Disturbances in Barcelona.

Paris, Sept. 9.—On the occasion of the anniversary of President McKinley's murder, several anarchist troubles took place in Barcelona. Seven people were wounded and numerous arrests were made.

ARRIVAL OF A NORWEGIAN WHALER.

Bound for the Japan Sea Fishery.

Perhaps one of the pluckiest adventures known out here is Captain Olsen of the Norwegian whaler *Rea* which arrived here yesterday morning from Christiania, having steamed all the way to Hongkong in fifty days, accomplishing the voyage from Singapore in six days two hours. Captain Olsen is to engage in hunting a minor species of *Indonot* which is to be found in the waters of the Sea of Okhotsk and the Sea of Japan in the North Pacific. The habitat of the whale is somewhere in the Polar regions among icebergs and other "fearsome wild fowl," but there are certain species which inhabit the temperate seas of both hemispheres, and it is to capture these that the vessel now in our harbour is on her way. The *Rea*, which is the name of the whaler, is the property of Mr. E. Lund of Christiania, in command of Mr. F. Olsen, the master, who has gained much experience in his line of work. The *Rea* is a steam vessel of 112 tons gross and 21 tons net register, and has no resemblance whatever to the grubby, barque-rigged, wooden whaling ship with which F. C. Bullen and other writers have filled our minds. The only thing to remind one that it is a whaler is the "look-out" which is fixed on the single mast, from which a constant watch is kept when the whaling grounds are reached. Practically speaking the *Rea* is a large boat, and is of the same type as those in use off the coast of Norway to hunt the whales which frequent the fjords during certain seasons. The principal feature of the vessel is the harpoon gun, mounted at the fore part and resembling an old-fashioned heavy duck-gun. It weighs over 75 lb., is about 4 ft. 6 in. long, the barrel being about 3 ft. with 1 in. bore, and a wooden stock tapering into a "pistol handle," and is fired by means of percussion caps. The harpoon sometimes used is an "exploding harpoon," that is it contains at the end a shell with a charge of about 7 lb. powder which on striking the whale explodes and virtually kills the creature. The vessel does not boil down the blubber or have anything to do with that work, but simply kills the whale in a business-like way and takes it in two to the nearest depot, of which there are many on the coast of Korea and Japan, where on operation of hoisting and boiling down the blubber is performed. The whale fishing in the Japan sea is not a large or important one, and only about six or seven vessels of the above type are engaged in the work; while the species of whale hunted in those waters is not so valuable as the Cachalot or Sperm Whale, or the Greenland or Arctic Right Whale, the catenacae found in that locality are varieties of the Southern Right Whale (*Balaena australis*) such as *Balaena japonica*, and the gray whale (*Rachinectes glauca*), which is about 35 to 40 feet in length. The officers and crew of the *Rea* consist of Norwegians, while the fishermen and the cook are Japanese. She sailed on her way out from Gibraltar, Algiers, Port Said, Aden, Colombo, and Singapore, and is now bound for Nagasaki. She is 95 ft. long by 17 ft., and weighs 12 knots. She looks like a miniature gunboat. Captain Olsen brought out the larger craft *Opa* about four years ago.

A fool and his money's soon parted, and the attorney always gets his fee.

Love's a form of intoxication—some of it's champagne but most of it's beer.

When the wine's in, the wit's out, but it often works the other way.

A man is known by the cigars he smokes.

Never tell your friends when you play the wrong horse.

FORMOSA.

The development of Formosa, which was expected when that Island passed into the hands of Japan, has not yet taken place. In a Report to the Foreign Office on the Trade of Northern Formosa, Mr. Consul Layard gives the following figures of a declining trade:—"It is to be regretted," he says, "that the promising increase in the trade of the Northern district of Formosa during 1900 and preceding years has not been maintained in 1901, the year under review. The total trade for that year has, on the contrary, decreased by more than the gain of the year 1900. For Tamsui and Kelung, and the four other ports included in this district—viz., Kiukong, Oulang, Tokoku, and Lukong—the total trade of which six places amounts to £2,809,683, it has gone back by a sum of £208,500 on the trade of 1900, and falls also short of the total trade of 1899. The decrease in the sterling value of the year, moreover, tends to make the difference more marked. The trade of Tamsui and Kelung, taken together, has decreased by £133,835, and that of the other four ports by £74,665. The trade of Tamsui alone has decreased by some 25 per cent., fairly evenly divided between imports and exports, whilst that of Kelung, on the other hand, shows a somewhat larger proportion of increase, the largest share of which is to the credit of the export trade. The trade of the four other ports show a proportionately large falling-off, particularly in the value of exports."

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report dated 19th September, Messrs Benjamin, Kelly & Potts write:—

During the week, business has been still very quiet, and there is no sign of improvement at present. The only noticeable feature has been a boom in Union Insurance and Shanghai-Langkai shares.

Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled firm throughout the past week, and a small number of shares has been negotiated at \$597. There is no change in the London quotation which remains at \$53. National Bank is still offering at \$27.

Marine Insurance—The announcement that the Union Insurance Society is going to pay a dividend of \$20 per share for account of 1901 has caused the stock to jump to \$130. China Traders can be had at \$58. Cantsins have been done at \$174, and more shares are wanted. Yangtze shares are in the market at \$127. North-China are quoted at \$187. At this rate a few shares can probably be obtained.

Five Insurance—Hongkong Five have found buyers at the improved rate of \$207. China Five have been bought at \$245, and more shares can be placed.

Shipping—Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboats are obtainable at \$307. Indo-China have declined to \$74, at which price sellers prevail. Douglas Steamships are to be had at \$42. China and Malacca after sales at \$22, are now offering at the rate, Star Ferries, old issue, are procurable at \$29; there are sellers of the new shares at \$107. Shell Transports are quiet at \$117.

Refineries—China Sugars have slightly advanced and are quoted at \$98. Luzons are still quoted at \$10 buyers.

Mining—Pioniers have sellers at \$5. Rio de Janeiro, \$5, and more shares are wanted. Jelabuz are unchanged, and can be placed at \$14. Chinese Engineering have further risen to \$14.90, but are obtainable at this price.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have further declined and have been sold at \$210 and \$205, closing with further sellers at the lower figure. Farman has strengthened their position, and are now in demand at \$14.50. The *Whampoa* have been bought, and have further enquiries at \$84.50. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have dropped to \$300, ex the interim dividend of \$1.64 paid in Shanghai on the 1st instant, but are in request at a rate. New Anny Docks are unaltered.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings—There is no business reported in Hongkong Lands, which remain quiet with sellers at \$172. Kowloon Lands and West Points are at \$129.414.38, but the working account of its establishment in Hankow, shows a loss of \$9,392.26, which reduces the net profit of the company to \$111,015.10. After deducting \$67,000, paid as interim dividend in January last, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$43,515.10, from which it is recommended to transfer \$22,500.00 to Depreciation Account, and carry forward for credit of next year's balance \$21,015.10. Humphry's Estate have been extensively dealt in at rates ranging between \$11 and \$11.5, at which latter figure there are further sellers. China Providents have changed ownership at \$8 and \$9.

Cotton Mills—No change to report in the Northern Mills. The Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited, held its Fifth Ordinary Meeting on the 16th instant, and the following account of accounts covering the period from 15th July, 1901, to 31st July, 1902, were adopted. The net profit on working amounted to \$163,465.05, and after allowing for the interim dividend of 4 per cent. absorbing \$50,000, paid on the 17th April last, there remained a balance of \$113,465.05, which was disposed of by the payment of a final dividend of 6 per cent. (60 cents per share), writing off Property Account \$30,000, and carrying forward the balance of \$83,465.05. Shares are wanted at \$194 ex dividend.

Cigar Companies—Sales of Sumatras at \$14.45 are reported from Shanghai.

Miscellaneous—Green Island Cements are obtainable at \$19.50. A few China Bornes have been sold at \$20. A. S. Watsons are offering at \$134. Electrics are neglected, and shares are in the market at \$13 and \$14 for the old and new respectively. Dopes are on offer at \$130. Universals are to be had at \$193. The net profit for the year ending 30th June, 1902, was \$33,847.75 and after deducting the interim dividend of 6 per cent. paid in January last, a balance remained of \$11,052.25, which was carried forward to credit of a new account. Langkats have recovered a good deal of their lost ground, and are quoted in Shanghai to-day at \$14.242.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

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J. HOOPER,
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Hongkong, September 21, 1902. 1903

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 26 of 1902.
Receiving Order and First Meeting of Creditors.

Re LUK HANG, lately carrying on business at No. 42 East Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, under the style of LUK HANG KEE, Contractor.

Petition dated 29th day of August, 1902. Receiving Order dated 11th day of September, 1902.

FRIDAY, the 26th day of Sept., 1902, at 12 o'clock at Noon, precisely, the First General Meeting of Creditors in the above Matter, to be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Land Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his debt.

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Dated this 18th day of September, 1902.

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No. 29 of 1902.
Receiving Order and First Meeting of Creditors.

Re LI UN CHO, lately carrying on business at No. 43 Wing Lok Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, as Californian and Rangoon Merchant.

Petition dated 4th day of September, 1902. Receiving Order dated 11th day of September, 1902.

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VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525, E.C.

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At the above CHAPTER will be held at the FRIEMANSON HALL, Zeland Street, on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING COMPANIONS are cordially invited to attend.

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